
Decision Maker: PUBLIC PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY
DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 14 November 2023

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP - MEMBER UPDATE

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Ward: All

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the September meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership.
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2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members to note the update.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. The Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) brings together local partners to formulate and deliver strategies to tackle crime and disorder in their communities. The role of the SBP is to ensure that the statutory agencies, commissioned services, community and voluntary representatives are working better together at a strategic and operational level, to reduce crime and disorder. Using intelligence and insights to develop preventative and early intervention approaches and to minimise the impact and trauma caused by crime to reduce re-victimisation and repeat offending.
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:
(1) For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.

- (2) For adults and older people to enjoy fulfilled and successful lives in Bromley, ageing well, retaining independence and making choices.
- (3) For people to make their homes in Bromley and for business, enterprise and the third sector to prosper.
- (4) For residents to live responsibly and prosper in a safe, clean and green environment great for today and a sustainable future.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Not Applicable
 4. Total current budget for this head: Not Applicable
 5. Source of funding: Not Applicable
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*): Not Applicable
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: No executive decision is required at this stage.
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable
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Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: Keeping Bromley Safe supports the economic development of the borough by making it a desirable option for visitors wanting to use local businesses.
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Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: The SBP consider a range of crimes which are linked to health and wellbeing, including but not limited to serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual

exploitation, drug supply and the trauma associated to being a victim of crime. The Integrated Care Board are a statutory partner of the Safer Bromley Partnership to ensure that the impact on the health and wellbeing of those involved affected by crime are considered and represented.

Customer Impact

1. The role of the Safer Bromley Partnership is to keep Bromley a safe Borough for all residents, businesses and visitors.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) is the Community Safety Partnership introduced by Section 6 of the [Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#) and brings together local partners to formulate and deliver strategies to tackle crime and disorder in their communities. Responsible authorities that make up a Community Safety Partnership are the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, South East London Integrated Care System, National Probation Service and Bromley Council.
- 3.2 The Safety Bromley Partnership met on 21 September 2023. This report seeks to summarise the key issues arising from the meeting.
- 3.3 The Home Office are currently revising the guidance on Domestic Homicide Reviews following the requirement to include suicides in which domestic abuse was a significant factor, including the option of an alternative name for non-homicides, such as 'Domestic Abuse Fatality Review'. The Home Office will be formally consulting on the revised statutory guidance later this year.
- 3.4 Bromley has received the new version of the Violence and Vulnerability Reduction Action Plan (VVRAP) providing a range of optional actions for the SBP to consider. The new version reiterates the importance of violence against women and girls (VAWG).
- 3.5 Between April 2022 and April 2023, 610 potential weapons have been collected from the Knife Amnesty Bins in Walters Yard and Station Road, Anerley.
- 3.6 The Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy update was presented in a new format which focusses on activity delivered in Quarter 1 against each Priority. The new format was well received and will be used going forward.
- 3.7 Superintendent Baldock gave an update which included;
 - 3.7.1 The intention to develop Ward based crime and disorder profiles, understanding the concerns of each locality and developing problem solving approaches in each area.
 - 3.7.2 The acquisition of a speed gun for use in the borough.
 - 3.7.3 The intention to hold an ASB conference in early 2024 to better understand the ASB concerns across the borough.
 - 3.7.4 The focus on working with Education to deliver awareness campaigns and help children understand how to keep themselves and their property safe. Robbery of school children in the South London Area has been identified as being higher in Bromley.
 - 3.7.5 Burglary trends are being investigated to understand some recent spikes in offending in Penge and St Mary Cray and St Pauls Cray.
 - 3.7.6 He has a schedule of public meetings to attend so that he can be visible and accessible to residents.
 - 3.7.7 Whilst there had been some serious violent incidents which are under investigation there is no indication at this stage they are linked.
 - 3.7.8 In recognition of the national problems related to nitrous oxide there are plans by the government to implement new legislation around its use.

- 3.7.9 Officers have been active in tackling shoplifting with some good outcomes in relation to some prolific offenders. There are plans to develop a task and finish group to better understand the issues around retail crime, particularly shoplifting.
- 3.8 The SBP had a presentation of the draft Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2023. The assessment aims to assess crime, disorder and the issues that may impact on these, highlight areas of increasing and reducing threat, and inform future priorities. It has been acknowledged that there are a range of knowledge gaps. and Partners have been asked to consider how they may be able to address these going forward. The document is still in draft and cannot be published until it has been approved by all partners.
- 3.8.1 A workshop has been scheduled for the SBP to finalise the Strategic Assessment, agree the priorities for the next 3 years and consider the high-level actions to be delivered. The public will be consulted on these proposals following the Workshop.
- 3.9 The Safer Neighbourhood Board gave an update and advised that they are keen to encourage more community participation and ways to improve Ward Panels. The Police were also asked to publish the Safer Neighbourhood Team contact details. Members were reminded that the Crime Summit was taking place on 14 October.
- 3.10 It was proposed at the meeting that the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group be incorporated into the Safer Bromley Partnership to ensure an efficient use of time and effective delivery of activity. This was agreed in principle and the views of the Domestic Abuse Operations Group would also be sought. It was noted this will require some adaptations to the current meeting structure to ensure that the momentum around the domestic abuse is maintained.
- 3.11 It was agreed to revisit the Terms and Reference of the SBP at the Workshop to ensure it remains up to date.
- 3.12 The date for the Workshop has now been set for 16 November.
- 3.13 The date of the next SBP meeting is 6 December, this will be a longer meeting to allow for the integration of the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group agenda.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 The Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) brings together local partners to formulate and deliver strategies to tackle crime and disorder in their communities. The role of the SBP is to ensure that the statutory agencies, commissioned services and community and voluntary representatives are working better together at a strategic and operational level to reduce crime and disorder. Using intelligence and insights to develop preventative and early intervention approaches and to minimise the impact and trauma caused by crime to reduce re-victimisation and repeat offending.

5. TRANSFORMATION/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Not applicable

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Not applicable

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Not applicable.

9 PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Not applicable

10. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Not applicable

11. CARBON REDUCTION/SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Not applicable

12. IMPACT ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY

12.1 Keeping Bromley safe supports the economic development of the borough by making it a desirable option for visitors wanting to use local businesses.

13. IMPACT ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

13.1 The SBP consider a range of crimes which are linked to health and wellbeing, including but not limited to serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, drug supply and the trauma associated to being a victim of crime. The Integrated Care Board are a statutory partner of the Safer Bromley Partnership to ensure that the impact on the health and wellbeing of those involved affected by crime are considered and represented.

14. CUSTOMER IMPACT

14.1 The role of the Safer Bromley Partnership is to keep Bromley a safe borough for all residents, businesses and visitors

15. WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS

15.1 Not applicable

Non-Applicable Headings:	Transformation/Policy, Financial, Personnel, Legal, Procurement, Property, Carbon Reduction/Social Value, Ward Councillor Views.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	SBP 2023/24 Quarter 1 (April – June 2023) Update SBP Minutes – 21 September 2023